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SITUATION IN IRAN

- Political situation generally stable;
 nevertheless,
- II. Shah may appoint new prime minister in spring.
 - A. Shah keeping tight grip on government even during US trip. Distrusts Zahedi, often saying would like to remove him.
 - B, Zahedi has not won popular support.due failure to push reforms; widespread corruption in his government.
- III. Shah's next premier possibly Manuchen Eqbal
 - A. Senator Equal just "elected" chancellor of Tehran University -- result of Shah's direct intervention.
 - B. Eqbal can thus catch public eye by anti-Communist campaign at Tudeh-infested university.
 - IV. Under Eqbal or any Shah-dominated prime

	minister	Iran	would	continue	pro-West.	
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